

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Before The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

Applicant:

Ian Baird Smith et al.

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Title:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CLOSING

OFF THE OPEN END OF A CONTAINER WITH

FLEXIBLE MEMBRANE REMOVABLE

COVERED BY A RIGID CAP

Docket No:

350013-000065

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Group Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: Robin

Annette Hylton

REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING UNDER C.F.R. §41.47

Sir:

Appellant hereby request an Oral Hearing with respect to the above-captioned matter under 37 C.F.R. §41.47. This Request for Oral Hearing is being submitted within the time period specified in 37 C.F.R. §41.47(b). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, and to credit any fees or overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1901 (Reference -350013-000065).

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Respectfully submitted,

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